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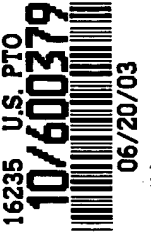
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Steve B. Taylor  
Sole Inventor: Steve B. Taylor  
For: A Coupler  
Attorney Docket Number: 2236.001  
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## TRANSMITTAL OF ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR U.S. NONPROVISIONAL PATENT

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- [X] Application for United States the Nonprovisional Patent described above;
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- [X] this written assertion that Applicant claims entitlement to small entity status;
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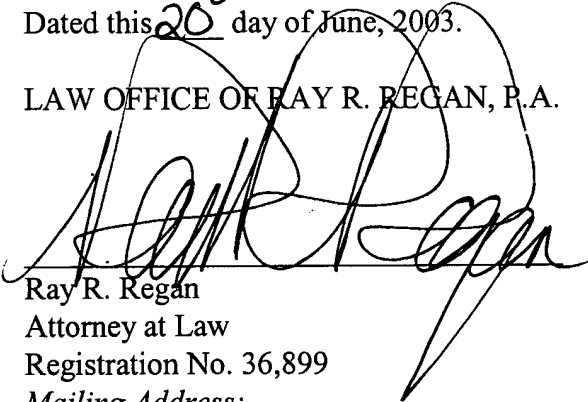
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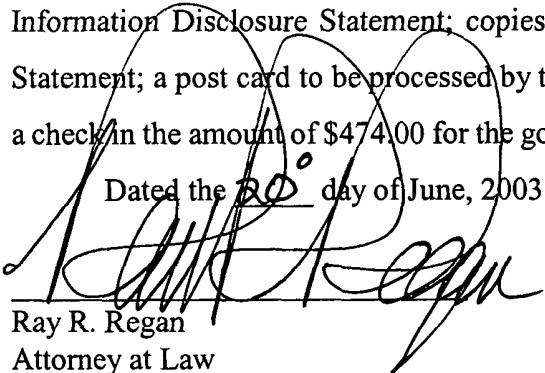
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